AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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Please amend claims as set forth below.

- 1. (Canceled)
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Previously presented) A program product stored in a computer readable medium that permits a computer to implement the following steps of:
- a specification analysis step of analyzing a specification, so as to obtain a number of words for preferred embodiment and a number of words of claims;
 - a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the following formula: {the number of words for preferred embodiment/the number of words for claims}; and a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.
- 4. (Previously presented) A program product stored in a computer readable medium that permits a computer to implement the following steps of:
- an element obtaining step of obtaining elements based on a specific letter string in a specification;
- a specification analysis step of analyzing said specification so as to obtain the smallest number of elements composing one claim;
- a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the smallest number of the elements composing one claim obtained by the specification analysis step, as a parameter; and a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.
- 5. (Currently amended) A program product stored in a computer readable medium that permits a computer to implement the following steps of:
- a specification analysis step of analyzing a specification so as to obtain a depth of claim nesting level;

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a parent claim number obtainment step of obtaining a parent claim number of each of

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claims;

a parent-dependent relationship information obtainment step of obtaining information of

parent-dependent relationships between the claims

a claim hierarchy obtainment step of obtaining a claim hierarchy that relates the claim

number and the parent claim number;

a nesting level obtainment step of obtaining a nesting level that is the deepest level of the

claim hierarchy;

a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the depth of claim nesting

level-or the number of claim categories obtained in said specification analysis step, as a parameter

so that the deeper the nesting level the higher the patent value; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) A data processing device comprising:

a MPU including a specification analyzer for analyzing a specification and a patent value

calculator for calculating a patent value based on the following formula:

{a number of words for preferred embodiment/number of words for claims}; and

a printer or a display for outputting said patent value.

9. (Previously presented) A data processing device comprising:

a MPU including an element obtaining means for obtaining elements based on a specific

letter string, a specification analyzer for analyzing a specification so as to obtain a smallest number

of elements composing one claim and a patent value calculator for calculating a patent value using

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the smallest number of elements composing one claim obtained in the specification analyzer, as a parameter; and

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- a printer or display for outputting said patent value.
- 10. (Currently amended) A data processing device comprising:

a specification analyzer for analyzing a specification so as to obtain a depth of claim nesting level or a number of claim categories:

a parent claim number obtainment unit which obtains a parent claim number of each of claims;

a parent-dependent relationship information obtainment unit which obtains information of parent-dependent relationships between the claims

a claim hierarchy obtainment unit which obtains a claim hierarchy that relates the claim number and the parent claim number;

a nesting level obtainment which obtains a nesting level that is the deepest level of the claim hierarchy;

a patent value calculator for calculating a patent value using the depth of claim nesting level obtained in the specification analyzer, as a parameter so that the deeper the nesting level the higher the patent value; and

- a patent value output means for outputting said patent value.
- 11. (Previously presented) A method implemented by a computer comprising the following steps of:

a specification analysis step of analyzing a specification in the computer, so as to obtain a number of words for preferred embodiment and a number of words of claims;

a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the following formula in the computer:

{the number of words for preferred embodiment/the number of words for claims}; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value.

12. (Previously presented) A method implemented by a computer comprising the following steps of:

an element obtaining step of obtaining element based on a specific letter string by the computer;

a specification analysis step of analyzing a specification by the computer so as to obtain the smallest number of elements composing one claim;

a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the smallest number of elements composing one claim obtained in the specification analysis step carried out in the computer, as a parameter; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value from the computer.

13. (Currently amended) A method implemented by a computer comprising the following steps of:

a specification analysis step of analyzing a specification in the computer so as to obtain a depth of claim nesting level or a number of claim categories;

a parent claim number obtainment step of obtaining a parent claim number of each of claims;

a parent-dependent relationship information obtainment step of obtaining information of parent-dependent relationships between the claims

a claim hierarchy obtainment step of obtaining a claim hierarchy that relates the claim number and the parent claim number;

a nesting level obtainment step of obtaining a nesting level that is the deepest level of the claim hierarchy;

a patent value calculation step of calculating a patent value using the depth of claim nesting level obtained in said specification analysis step carried out by the computer, as a parameter so that the deeper the nesting level the higher the patent value; and

a patent value output step of outputting said patent value from the computer.

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14. - 16. (Canceled)

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